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HISTORY OF A PERSONAL ORGAN.

NEWSPAPERS both on the Atlantic and Pacific coast are commenting upon the somber history which the failure of the New York Star discloses. There was a long period when the general public thought the Star was doing well. Having a twenty-millionaire at its back, it presented a healthful appearance. The editor-in-chief, "Jim" Dorschner, was a man of national reputation, in touch with the most noted men in New York and in the national capital. If there were financial crises in the early history of the paper, under the Dorschner management, the public did not know of them. The paper had everything that money would buy. It had fast presses, complete news facilities, an extensive and able corps of editors and correspondents, and it was not backward in signing its own praises. It pretended to look down upon the New York dailies that earn their own living. It was a kind of gilded youth who did not need to count the cost of a thing that he wanted. The Star is now in the hands of a receiver. It got there after spending \$700,000 more than it earned. Its yearly deficit was about \$200,000. Its financial backer was one of the most astute and financially successful men in the United States. His name is Collis P. Huntington. The cost of this plaything to Mr. Huntington is said by parties in a position to know to have been about \$700,000. The natural conclusion is that as a newspaper man Mr. Huntington is a failure. It will not do, however, to accept this natural conclusion as correct. The Star may have accomplished for Mr. Huntington the purpose he had in view when he became its financial backer. It may have made for him twice \$700,000. No one supposes that with his twenty millions, his immense business, his varied interests on the two coasts, he went into the newspaper business with an intention of making it a source of profit, except as it aided other interests. The profits of any three New York papers combined could not compensate a man in Mr. Huntington's position for devoting any considerable time to their affairs. A newspaper might be of great service to him as a personal organ, but not as a money maker. It might help him to make money in other ways, and so much of it that the \$200,000 a year the Star absorbed would be a good investment. One seeming mystery about the Star was that, with a large circulation, as shown by advertisements, and a flush of business, as shown by its advertising columns, it lost so much money. Another seeming mystery is that, with such unlimited means, such energetic able management, such valuable political, financial and social connections, it did not succeed. Why did not the public take it and advertise in it? There were half a score of dailies in New York making money, while the Star was losing it. Why did the public refuse to patronize the Star? It was lively and sensational, and aimed to be popular. Its reporters pulled people out of the slums and constructed romances about them, to please a public that were supposed to crave that kind of mental food. All did not do. After an experience of four or five years, Mr. Huntington retired. Perhaps his organ had served his purpose. The public only knows that he paid out about \$700,000 to keep it going. This is the history in outline of one personal organ. The history of others might require some change in detail. The closing chapter of all is about the same. The public realizes instinctively that the purposes of a personal organ are not their purposes. They know that papers supported by rich men to advance a purpose of their own will sacrifice the interests of the public when such interests clash with those of the organ's owners. That is the real reason why money thrown into a paper of this character is wasted. The owner may have another object to accomplish, and his paper may aid him in that way. He may have political aspirations that his paper realizes for him. He may be compensated for his outlay in a dozen different ways, but if he succeeds in converting a personal organ into a prosperous and influential journal, he will have done something so noble a man as Collis P. Huntington could not do.

A DISPARAGING COMPARISON.

THE DALLAS Mountaineer, commenting on the cities of the two states, says: "The comparison between the growth of the same number of cities in Oregon and Washington is very disparaging to the former. This state has only one large city, while our neighbor across the Columbia has three cities of nearly the same size. Portland, we believe, claims 55,000; Salem, 10,000; Astoria, 7,000; The Dalles, 5,000. These are four of the leading points in Oregon, and Portland has five times the population of the one nearest her in population. In Washington the leading cities are more equal, as for instance Seattle may have 40,000, Tacoma 36,000, Spokane Falls 28,000 and Port Townsend 12,000. The reason of the greater difference in the population of Oregon and those in Washington is that this whole state has been taxed to build the metropolis, while in Washington all had nearly equal advantages. But a change has taken place, and we may expect a more nearly equal advancement of the whole state."

The steady march of time and the daily record of current events is like the sea upon the shore. You can scarcely tell at first what each wave is doing; but wait a moment, and you will not fail to recognize whether the tide be in ebb or flow. So it is with the annals of mankind. We are each of us units in an immense procession passing for a brief moment between the darkness of birth and the darkness of the grave. We do but emerge for one gleaming instant between the two eternities. But as surely as the changes of this planet are chronicled upon its tablets of rock, so surely does each generation leave behind it the traces of its thoughts and deeds. And these too are written for our learning. Much of the bible is a history, and all history is a bible.

A HAVANA cable says that the question of the annexation of Cuba to the United States is daily growing more serious, and the government continues to be alarmed at the propagation of the idea, which is being more or less openly carried on, with results that will soon be known. The campaign that has been opened by several leading papers is courageously sustained in remarkable editorials that generally attract attention, one having gone so far as to assert, some weeks ago, that the Spanish government, through disgraceful and ruinous administration, did more than anything else to throw Cuba into the arms of the United States.

NORWEGIAN navigators still cling to the idea of discovering the North Pole. Their hopes are based upon the fact that various articles from the Pacific are occasionally found stranded on the coast of Greenland, having been carried there by some current. A notable instance of this kind is the finding of a pair of silk trousers, marked with the name of one of the crew of a vessel that had been wrecked on the Pacific side of Behring straits. It is argued that where a pair of trousers can go a properly constructed vessel ought to be able to follow, by virtue of a supposed current between the two oceans, via the Arctic pole.

THE census of the population of cities is to be taken and returned to the several state supervisors in twelve working days, beginning June 1st and ending June 11th.

The Kelso Courier asks: "What has Kalamazoo? The townsfolk is one-half a perpendicular goat-pasture, while the other half is a green-eyed goose-pond."

OVERWHELMING PROOF
Of the Superiority of Electric Treatment in the Cure of Disease—
Three More Wonderful Cures.

Another Lady Made Happy.
Mr. EORTON—Dear Sir: Nearly two months since I was taken with a severe pain in the back of my head, and continued so for a number of weeks; all remedies seemed to fail. I was induced to try Dr. Darrin's electrical treatment. I did so, and now, after three weeks' treatment, I am perfectly cured. Can be referred to at Anacora, Or.
April 1, 1890.
Mrs. F. Beck.

Perfectly and Permanently Cured.
Editor Oregonian: My wife has been sorely afflicted for years with dyspepsia, liver trouble and constipation, accompanied with a severe pain in the stomach and side, also diseases peculiar to her sex. Dr. Darrin cured her with the use of electricity and medical treatment. She is perfectly and permanently cured. Refer to us at 306 Third street, or Edmond hotel, Portland, where I am employed.
J. J. Youns.

Sciatic Rheumatism Cured.
Editor Oregonian: Two months ago I was confined to my bed with sciatic rheumatism which I have had hanging around me for three years. Dr. Darrin treated me with electricity, so I am now perfectly cured. Refer your readers to me, at 190 South Fourth street, Portland.
D. L. Ferguson.

Dr. Darrin can be consulted daily at Washington building, corner Fourth and Washington streets, Portland, and Hotel Grand Hotel, Tacoma. Hours 10 to 5; evenings, 7 to 8, Sundays, 10 to 12. All chronic diseases, irregularities of women, blood taints, loss of vital power and early indiscretions permanently cured, though no references are ever made in the press concerning such cases, owing to the delicacy of the patients. Examinations free to all, and circulars will be sent to any address. Charges for treatment according to patient's ability to pay. The poor treated free of charge from 10 to 11 daily. All private diseases confidentially treated and cures guaranteed. Patients at a distance can be cured by home treatment. Medicine and letters sent without the doctor's name appearing.

Four years ago five citizens of Bridgeport, Conn., all Germans, met one day when all were low-spirited, and, half in jest, organized the Suicide club, the agreement being that one should die each year of the following five years. Four are now dead by suicide, Wendell Baum the secretary, having just killed himself. The president of the club is the last member and he has one year to live.

The Boston Store!

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

The master motive of buying and selling is money. Not because men love lucre, but because money stands for the commodities and necessities of life. We are engaged in business to make money, not to accumulate, but to enable us to live. You buy where you can make money by saving it, for a dollar saved is a dollar earned. In presenting our claim for your patronage, before saying a word about the excellence or variety of our New Stock of Dry Goods, we want to appeal to this master motive. If we can save you money on your purchases; if it will put money in your pocket to trade with us, we know that, other things being equal, we have a strong presumption that we can win your patronage and hold it. And it just on this basis that we solicit your trade.

So We Enter the Field with Flying Colors.

A Fine, Fair and Elegant Stock of

DRY GOODS! NO TIONS FANCY GOODS!

Men's Furnishing Goods, Etc.

Awaits You To-Day.

SHANAHAN BROS.,

Corner Benton and Second Sts., Opp. the Postoffice, Astoria, Or.

Properly Equipped.
Baby Spirit (up in heaven)—So I must go down to earth and get born, must I? What am I to be, a man or a woman?
Guardian Angel—Let me see. You have many talents, have you not?
"Yes, indeed, ever so many. I can keep track of forty things at once, have my thoughts on one thing and do a dozen other things correctly, sleep with one eye open, and on waking up at any time have full possession of all my faculties in an instant."
"Tis well. You shall be a woman."

The public debt was reduced during March at the rate of about \$379,000 a day.

ROSS' OPERA HOUSE!
One Night Only.—Friday, April 18.
W. S. CLEVELAND'S
Magnificent Consolidated
MINSTRELS!
Christendom's Champion Conquerors. Forty Six Heroes of Two Hemispheres, led by the King of Minstrels,
THE INIMITABLE AND ONLY
WILLIS P. SWEATNAM!
—And Fat and Funny
BILLY RICE!
Len Somers, Crawford Bros., Hanley & Jarvis, Harry McKisson, W. E. Nankville, Frazer & Bunnell, Eddie Fox, Raymond Shaw, J. P. O'Keefe, H. J. Howard.

Thompson & Ross
Carry a Full Line of
Choice Staple and Fancy
Groceries.
Give Us a Call and Be Convinced.
GEO. E. PARKER. CARL A. HANSON
Parker & Hanson
SUCCESSORS TO
C. L. PARKER,
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
New Goods Arriving Every Steamer
THIS WEEK
Dress Goods.
The Old Stand - Astoria Oregon.
S. ARNOT & FERCHEN
ASTORIA, OREGON
The Pioneer Machine Shop
BLACKSMITH
SHOP
Batter Shop
All kinds of
ENGINE, GANNERY,
—AND—
STEAMBOAT WORK
Promptly attended to.
Assembly house of repairing
CANNERY DIES,
COR. OF LAWAYETTE STREET
Notice.
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE STOCK-
holders of Progressive Land and Building association for the election of officers will be held in this city at the house of Job Ross, on Tuesday, April 15th, 1898, at 7 o'clock P. M.
W. B. ROSS, President.
C. L. PARKER, Secretary.
C. R. F. P. Union Notice.
THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of Columbia River Fishermen's Protective Union held at Liberty hall, Tuesday, April 15th, 1898, at 7:30 P. M.
FRANK MCGREGOR, Pres.
FRED WRIGHT, Secy.

New Steamer Line!
—FROM—
ASTORIA!
—TO—
Tanzy Point, Ft. Stevens, Ft. Canby and Ilwaco.

The Fine New
Steamer "Suomi"
HERBERT PETIT, Master.

Will leave Astoria daily (Sundays excepted) for above points, making two trips daily. Will leave foot of Main street at 8 o'clock A. M. and 2:30 o'clock P. M.

For Tickets, Freight or Passage, Charter, etc., apply to Capt. Petit, Main St. wharf.

"VIC'S" SALOON!
Next to Altona Restaurant.
Vic Bergman, Proprietor.

GRAND OPENING. Tuesday, April 15th, when Vic expects to see his friends. Finest Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

Notice to Builders.
BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL April 16, 1908, at two o'clock P. M. for the erection of a building on Third street, 50x60 feet. Plans and specifications can be seen at P. J. Goodman's store. Privilege reserved to reject any and all bids. Address bids to box 94, Astoria, or leave at P. J. Goodman's store.

For Rent.
STORE BUILDING, CORNER CASS AND 5th streets.
• VAN DUSEN & CO., Agents.

Ross' Opera House.
Tuesday Evening, April 15.
INTERESTING LECTURE.
—BY—
His Grace, The Rev.
Archbishop Gross.
Of Portland, Entitled,
"A Visit to France and Rome."
—For the Benefit of—
Young Men's Institute, No. 106.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION.....50 Cents
For sale at the New York Novelty Store, Griffin & Reed's, or of any of the members.

Great Slaughter Sale

—AT THE—
New York Novelty Store
—OF—

Stationery, Musical Goods and Notions, for the Next Sixty Days.

JACOB STRAUSS

Flavel's Brick Building, Opp. Occident Hotel.

T. B. LOUGHERY,

—DEALER IN—
Cigars, : Tobaccos, : and : Cigarettes!
CONFECTIONERY, ETC.
NONE BUT THE BEST BRANDS HANDLED.
THIRD STREET, ASTORIA, OREGON
Opposite Hahn's Boot and Shoe Store.

The Oregon Land Co.

J. A. COOK, Manager.

HAS AN ASTORIA OFFICE

S. W. COR. THIRD AND OLNEY STREETS,
Buy and Sell Property on Commission.
We Deal in Real Estate and are Successful in Our Business.

BUY YOUR LOTS IN

Sunny Mead Addition!

TO ASTORIA. This fine property has been put on the market by Mrs. Owens Adair, M. D., and is situated near the Astoria and South Coast Railroad.

PRICES, \$50 AND \$60.
—FOR SALE BY—
McGOWAN BROS. & TUTTLE, Third St., East of Olney.

A. V. ALLEN.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
Groceries, Provisions and Mill Feed.
Crockery, Glass & Plated Ware.
The Largest and finest assortment of
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables.
Received fresh every Steamer.

THE PRAVEY PATENT CANT DOG.

HABICHOSE & CONANT,

Successors to KIRK SHERIDON.
HEADQUARTERS FOR LOGGERS' SUPPLIES.
Agency for
ATKINS' CELEBRATED SAWS. **LANDER'S LOGGING JACKS.**
GENERAL HARDWARE.
151 Front Street, PORTLAND, OR.

NEW ASTORIA

NEW ASTORIA has the best deep water frontage and anchorage of any town on the Pacific Coast and is the point where the Astoria and South Coast Railway Company and the Albany and Astoria R. R. Company have selected locations for their terminal shipping docks.

A lot bought in NEW ASTORIA to-day will net the buyer a fortune in the near future. The chance to get in at the present low prices will hold good for only a short time.

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NEW ASTORIA

NEW ASTORIA is laid out upon a high, dry and level location. Its surroundings are splendid and it is a Natural Place for a City. Large lots, wide streets, broad avenues, grand boulevards.

Every lot bought in NEW ASTORIA at the present low figures will bring its owner a fortune. The sale has begun. NOW BUY.

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